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EL SALVADOR: Recent Abductions

The following 25 people were abducted in San Salvador between July 20 and 29 by members either of the National Police or the National Guard:

1. Luis Gustavo Orellana, aged 24	July 29, 1981
2. Ario Reinaldo Garay, aged 21	July 28, 1981
3. Ana Vasquez, aged 19	July 26, 1981
4. Hugo Ortiz Santa Maria, aged 18	July 25, 1981
5. Edgardo Antonio Salamanca, aged 17	July 24, 1981
6. Mauricio Tejada, aged 30	July 22, 1981
7. Paulo Leiva, aged 19	July 21, 1981
8. Salvador Antonio Castro, aged 23	July 21, 1981
9. Maria Isabel Salinas, aged 37	July 21, 1981
10. Blanca Esteban Salinas, aged 30	July 21, 1981
11. Salvador Salinas, aged 16	July 21, 1981
12. Braulio Salvador Almiyo, aged 35, teacher	July 20, 1981
13. Elsa Irma Beltran, aged 32, teacher	July 20, 1981
14. Ricardo Adan Pena, aged 18	July 20, 1981
15. Edit Yolanda Beltran, aged 14	July 20, 1981
16. Roberto Alejandro Armijo, aged 17	July 20, 1981
17. Jose Francisco Isada, aged 54, teacher	July 20, 1981
18. Antonia Beatriz Celula, aged 37	July 20, 1981
19. Jose Ernesto Rodriguez, aged 25	July 20, 1981
*20. Marta Araceli Lara, aged 22	July 20, 1981
*21. Dolores del Carmen Ramirez, aged 25	July 20, 1981
*22. Rafael Ramirez, aged 22	July 20, 1981
*23. Oswaldo Esteban Ramirez, aged 16	July 20, 1981

The present whereabouts of all these people are unknown and there is very serious concern for their safety.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Human rights violations on a massive scale in El Salvador continue to be brought to the attention of Amnesty International. Amnesty International is aware that these human rights violations have occurred at a time of escalating civil conflict between guerrilla groups and the Salvadorian authorities and is also aware of reports of human rights violations having been committed by non-governmental forces. However, there is a systematic pattern of human rights violations, including torture, "disappearance" and cold-blooded murder, being carried out by the Salvadorian security forces, and directed against people who are not involved in guerrilla activities. Testimonies received by Amnesty International implicate all branches of the Salvadorian security forces in a gross and consistent pattern of human rights abuses.

In a letter dated May 6, 1981 Amnesty International called on the United States Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, to take steps to ensure that the U.S.A. did not give El Salvador's government military aid that would be used for murder, torture and other abuses. The letter cited case after case of abduction, murder and torture by troops and police of non-violent opponents, human rights workers, priests, teachers, students, journalists, medical workers and others.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/airmail letters expressing concern about the abduction of these people and urging the authorities to guarantee their physical safety.

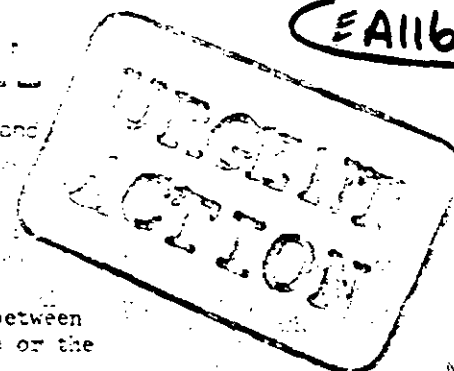
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Teachers may wish to appeal in particular on behalf of the three people named as being teachers, and may send appeals to the Minister of Education (address above).



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